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As an unfortunate user of Windows, I have an interest in this whole mess.

I can remember a time when I could buy Windows without Outlook, it came as a separate disc. I had no trouble with Windows interfering with my Netscape, and I had fewer system problems overall.

I would love to see a program in place where those of us who do not want Outlook or any of the other linked subprograms [briefcase, wallet and the like] could essentially 'turn in' our version of Windows and in return get a plain, unadorned version of the current windows [I happen to have had 3.11, 95, 98 and now Me.]

I also have to seriously complain about the new Xp version of windows. I have an associate who just bought a brand new computer to replace a damaged computer. She brought it home, and discovered several very disturbing things about it.

Firstly, there is no DOS environment on the machine, so all of her older DOS environment programs will not function. It has to be plugged into a phone line to even turn it on for the first time and it automatically dials up Microsoft before she could do anything. If she adds a program, or takes one off, it automatically dials up microsoft and reports in. She couldn't upgrade her Works with a non-XP version of Office, nor could she load the older version of Office - she had to go out and buy a newer version of Works Suite to just get Word on her machine.

To me, this is even MORE of a monopolistic behavior - before you at least could use you older programs in DOS rather than have to go out and buy new programs to have what was in the older machine.

ME, I just want plain unadorned Windows, like when I had 3.11!

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